

Amendments to the Specification

At page 5, between lines 20 & 21, add the following paragraph:

Figure 4 illustrates one embodiment of a write operation, in accordance with an aspect of the present invention.

At page 29, between lines 18 & 19, add the following paragraph:

To summarize, described herein is a technique for securely managing an arbitrary number of data files in non-volatile storage (e.g., EEPROM) in order to restore data after abortion of a write operation, wherein the data is stored in a record-oriented data structure with each of the records containing, in addition to data contents, a first reference indicating the current data-containing record of a previous file, and a second reference indicating the current data-containing record of a subsequent file. The securely managing includes performing a write operation which comprises an update stage and an atomic write stage. As shown in Figure 4, the update stage of write operation 400 includes performing multiple update operations for a plurality of records employing the second references of the plurality of records 410. Thereafter, the updates to the plurality of records are accepted in one atomic write stage after completion of the multiple update operations 420. The one atomic write stage includes employing the first references and the record-status data elements of the plurality of records. At all times during the write operation, for each record of each file affected by the write operation, the file contains existing data prior to the write operation in one record, and corresponding data as modified by the write operation in another record.